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Man entered program in hopes of sobriety, died after stabbing spree

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FORT GIBSON — Daniel Drew Nole was off his psychiatric medication and talked about “hurting people” in the days leading up to a stabbing spree that ended in his death at

an unlicensed Oklahoma recovery program.

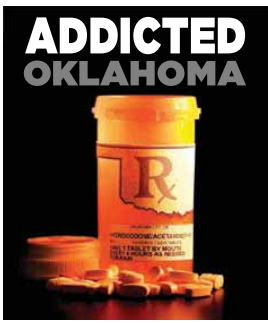
“We got a man that’s kind of freaking out, setting fires and cutting people with a knife,” the lone recovery program staff member on duty told a 911 dispatcher the night Nole died. “He’s wandering around here in

the dark ... think he may be off his meds or something.”

A Cherokee County sheriff’s deputy shot and killed Nole, 30, in October 2015 after he stabbed four people and tried to burn down Fort Gibson’s Faith Based Therapeutic Community Cor-

poration. FBTCC is a nonprofit, faith-based addiction recovery program. In exchange for unpaid manual labor, the rights to participants’ food stamp benefits and regular church attendance, FBTCC promises

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Recovering addicts tell stories about being fed expired food and restaurant leftovers after Oklahoma recovery programs took their food stamp benefits.

Walk-on Mayfield walks off with Heisman



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NEW YORK — Sooner magic and Manhattan magic collided Saturday night at the PlayStation Theater.

With the first snow of the season falling outside, Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield walked across the stage to accept the 83rd Heisman Trophy and join college football’s most exclusive fraternity.

“To potentially be a Heisman winner is unbelievable,” Mayfield said before the ceremony. “You talk about the guys that have played the game of football and won the Heisman, those are guys that have made a difference in the world and not just the game of football. They’re great men. For me, it’d be an honor. Something very special.”

Mayfield’s improbable journey from an unheralded recruit to a Texas Tech walk-on quarterback, to an OU walk-on quarterback to beating out Trevor Knight for the Sooners’ starting job in 2015 has been well-documented.

In three years as a Sooner starter, he led Oklahoma to two College Football Playoff berths and wowed crowds with his inexplicable escapes on the field and his impossibly deep throws.

University of Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield is the winner of the 2017 Heisman Trophy. [AP PHOTO]

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Sexual harassment under the dome of the state Capitol

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Earlier during her legislative career, State Rep. Emily Virgin left her desk near the back of the House chamber to talk to a male colleague.

Someone was speaking, so, as lawmakers do, Virgin knelt

down to avoid blocking anyone’s view.

A passing lawmaker offered a comment to his male colleague that caught Virgin off guard.

“Oh, that’s how you like your women, right? On their knees,” he said.

At a time when sexual harassment complaints have been roiling the nation, from Holly-

wood to Wall Street to Washington, D.C., *The Oklahoman* solicited opinions from women in Oklahoma state government regarding sexual harassment and whether they considered it a problem in the state Capitol.

The answer, in many cases, was silence.

The Oklahoman contacted all 20 of the state’s female law-

makers. Half either declined an interview or did not return repeated messages. Another representative faced a family emergency and was unavailable, while another initially agreed to an interview but later could not be reached.

Of the eight women who did talk, none, other than Virgin, said they’d been the subject of

sexual harassment. But several agreed with Virgin that sexual misconduct occurs at the Capitol. Because of the power dynamic, some of them suspect that such inappropriate behavior is more often directed toward staff who may fear repercussions should they

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Holy God, may we pause to give You thanks for this season of peace and goodwill. Amen.

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